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570 RECOVERED AND 263 MISSING

MAKING TOTAL OF EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE. ARE THE LATEST FIGURES.

THE FIRE IN THE SLOCUM WAS PROBABLY DUE TO AN EXPLODING OIL LAMP.

NEW YORK, June 18.—To-day, the first funeral day for the victims of the General Slocum saw the stricken, the east side district thronged with people. Many were mourning friends and relatives of the dead; the others were attracted to the scene by that morbid curiosity so prevalent in human nature.

The total number of victims recovered up to this morning is 570. The total number of missing is 263, indicating total death list of 833. Of the bodies recovered 522 have been identified, a remarkable showing for such a general catastrophe. Two hundred and eighty-six of the recovered dead are children, 253 are women and 23 men.

A large number of the missing are believed to be wedged in under the hulk of the Slocum, which is lying in the mud on her side off Hunts Point. Some question has arisen as to who shall move the hulk. The wreckers have asked for \$11,000 for the task. The Knickerbocker Steamboat Company claim that the removal of the hulk is the duty of marine underwriters but others claim that as the disaster occurred when the boat was the property of the steamboat company, they should spare no expense in recovering the dead. The city authorities have intimated that if something is not done to-day steps will be taken to compel those legally responsible to remove the wreck.

The Coroner's Inquest into the cause and responsibility for the disaster will begin on Monday. A witness turned up to-day who declares that the fire started below nineteenth street.

If this is so, it shows that Captain Van Shaick ran the burning vessel for nearly two miles before he beached her. River men have pointed out eight places between Ninety-first street and Oak Point, all nearer the place where the fire is supposed to have originated than North Brothers Island, where the boat could have been beached and possibly many lives saved.

The witness is John Engelmann, who came to the morgue this morning to look for two sisters who were lost. He says that he jumped overboard with his wife in his arms at Ninety-second street, and that the fire broke out several blocks below that point. He saved his wife and himself but could not help his sisters.

The preliminary investigations have established the fact, it is believed, that the fire started in the forward hold on the steamboat in a compartment known as the lamp room. In the room was stored a barrel of kerosene oil and some benzine. The fire was probably due to an exploding oil lamp.

W. C. T. U.

THE MEETING AT FARMINGTON PROMISES TO BE A VERY FINE ONE WILL BE HELD IN M. E. CHURCH.

The West Virginian published a notice yesterday of the meeting of Marion county W. C. T. U. institute, to be held at Farmington, June 23-24. Below we give the program of exercises:

3:00 P. M.—Devotional service.
3:15—Organization of institute.
Appointment of secretary.
Appointment of committees.

3:30—What to read and how to read it.

3:40—Our Periodicals, Mrs. Hattie E. Scott, Mannington.

3:50—What Can We Do in the Sunday School and Young People's Societies; Miss Alice Ireland, Worthington.

Discussion.
4:05—No Alcoholics in Medicine; Mrs. N. R. C. Morrow, State president, W. C. T. U.

4:20—Question drawer, conducted by Miss Ensign, National organizer and corresponding secretary for Ohio.

4:30—Announcements.

Adjournment.

Evening.

8:00—Gold Medal Oratorical Contest.

Friday, June 24.

9:00 A. M.—Bible reading.

9:10—Minutes.

9:15—What to Wear and How to Wear it.

9:25—Evangelistic Work, and Its Relations to Other Departments, Mrs. J. Engle, State Evangelist.

9:35—The "Y and Why."

9:45—The L. T. L., Mrs. Lenna Yost, State secretary, Loyal Temperance Legion.

10:00—Department drill, conducted by Miss Frances Ensign.

11:00—Our Country, Its Needs, Its Opportunities, Its Responsibilities; Mrs. Adella Stewart, Amos.

Discussion.

11:20—What Must be Taught in the Public Schools to Insure a Generation of Total Abstinents.

11:30—Question drawer.

11:45—Announcements, noonide, prayer, adjournment.

Afternoon, June 24.

2:00—Devotional—The Bible Our Text Book.

2:15—A Model Union, conducted by Mrs. N. R. C. Morrow.

3:00—Ministers' hour.

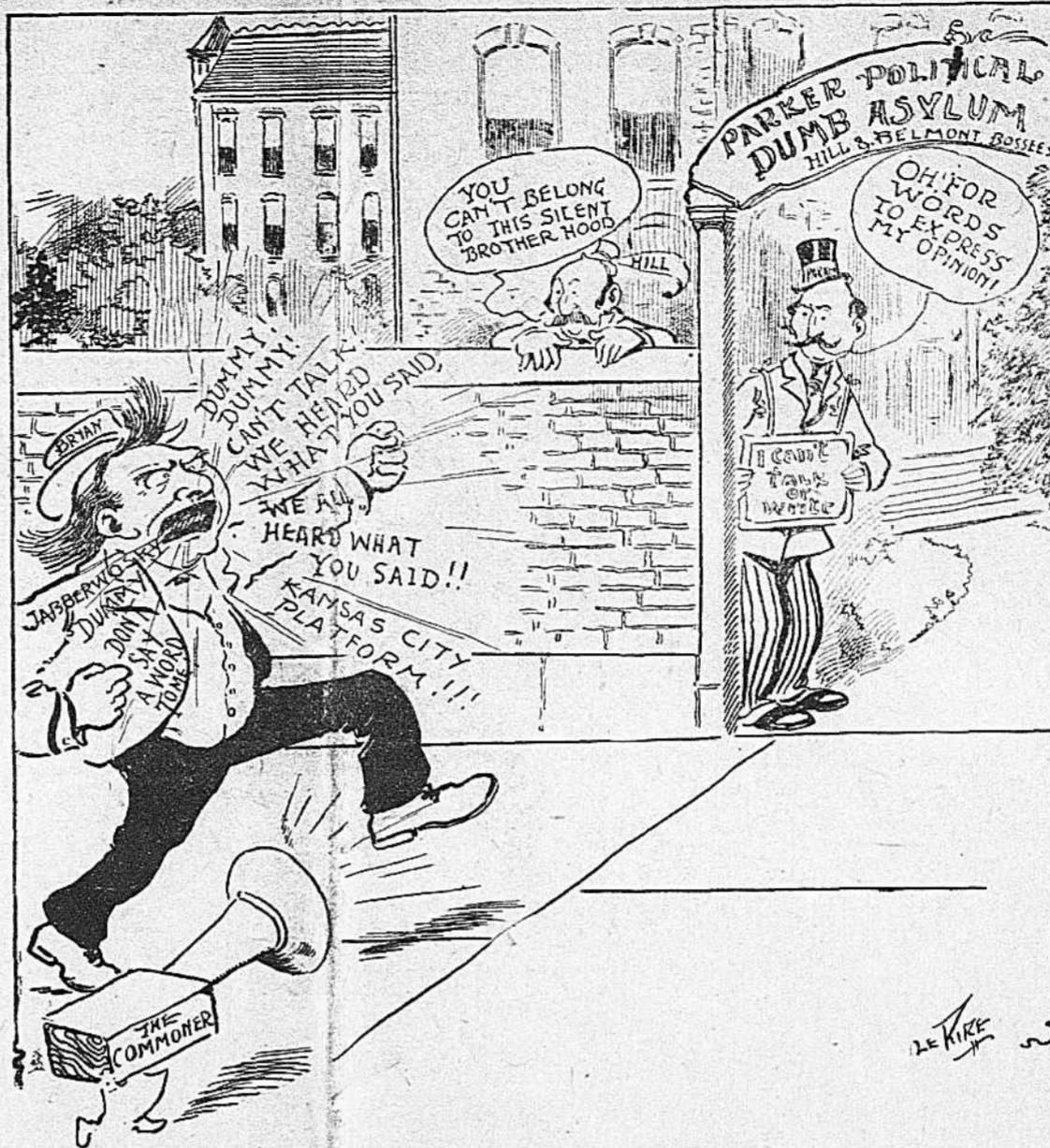
4:00—Is It Worth While to Report; Mrs. F. P. Parks, State corresponding secretary.

4:15—What the W. C. T. U. Has Accomplished; Miss Francis Ensign.

4:30—Minutes, announcements, adjournment.

Evening.

8:00—Address by Miss Frances Ensign, National organizer and corresponding secretary for Ohio.



Snap shot of the daily riot in front of the Political Dumb Asylum.

FOUR TIMES

WAS THE CURRENT TURNED ON BEFORE MOSE JOHNSON WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD.

THE CRIME FOR WHICH HE PAID THE PENALTY WAS A MOST BRUTAL ONE.

OHIO PENITENTIARY, COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 18.—Mose Johnson, colored, was executed at 12:30 Saturday morning. The victim was in the chair for 15 minutes, and during that time the current was turned into him four times. While the electrical apparatus did not cause death instantly as in cases prior to the execution of Schiller Thursday night, the scenes enacted then were not repeated. The doctors profited by their experience of Thursday night, and rather than be compelled to place the prisoner back into the chair after he was declared dead, they waited a sufficient length of time to prove conclusively that there was not a spark of life in the body. Heretofore, the physicians have relied alone upon their ears to learn if there were heart beats, but on this occasion the stethoscope was brought into use and after the first charge that instrument revealed faint pulsations. No one can give an adequate explanation of the failure of the current to do deadly work, in the first charge, as is usually the case, and the only cause ascribed is that the men were of strong resisting power.

Mose Johnson was convicted of the murder of Edward Test, an insurance agent in Portsmouth, Ohio, on the night of October 17, 1903.

Test had gone to the residence of Mrs. Sarah Callum to collect the premium on an insurance policy when Johnson and a man named Rufus Burcham, mistaking Test for a friend of Mrs. Callum, broke into the house and attacked him. A fierce struggle ensued, during which Test was stabbed five times and was begging his assailants to spare his life when Johnson fired two shots into his back and left him to die. Burcham is serving a life sentence.

A Big Gasser.

A heavy gas well came in on the farm of Felix S. Martin on Binghamon this week. Mr. Martin is the father-in-law of C. B. Nay, of the Fifth ward.

H. B. Harvey, Elkins, A. S. Douglas and F. C. Corbin, Morgantown, and J. W. Selvey and son, Grafton, are at the Tavern.

HO YE REPUBLICANS!

Senatorial Convention Will Be Held at Traction Park.

The Senatorial convention for the Eleventh district will be held in the pavilion at Traction Park, Tuesday, June 21, at 2:30 P. M. Special cars have been secured to carry the people to the Park. Jenkins' band will go to Morgantown to escort the Monongalia delegation to our town. Of course, as we all know, the nominee of the convention, Col. Joe McDermott, will be in that crowd. This popular band will also furnish music at the Park, Tuesday will be a love feast for Monongalia, Taylor and Marion Republicans.

A Happy Crowd.

A happy crowd was seen coming up Jefferson street to the Court house this morning. Any person who saw them could easily tell that there would be a wedding shortly. There were about half a dozen of them and they were all talking and laughing in such a degree that the worthless crowd that gnaw bones on the Court house lawn forgot to growl. The crowd wended its way to the County Clerk's office, where the license was issued. The smile that played on that young man's face when he saw the picture at the top of the license, is still flying through the air in the clerk's office. After obtaining the license the procession moved off to hunt a priest, where those two hearts that have been beating as one for the past few months, were welded together so that they can never beat any other way.

A STRONG FIGHT

Is Being Made in the Blackshere-Beatty Case.

PARKERSBURG, June 18.—(Special.)—Nothing new has developed in the Blackshere-Beatty trial here. Col. A. Howard Fleming was on the witness stand last evening and again this morning. He will probably be called again Monday. The government is making a strong fight. The defense will probably have its witnesses on the stand Monday or Tuesday. From present indications the trial will last several days into next week.

Beatty is taking the trial very coolly. He does not show any signs of fear and is apparently confident of his acquittal.

CALLED TO CHICAGO

IS SECRETARY CORTELYOU—THE COMMITTEE WILL ACQUIESCE IN WHATEVER THE PRESIDENT DESIRES.

THERE IS NO PERSONAL OBJECTION TO MR. CORTELYOU—IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF HAVING AN EXPERIENCED MAN.

CHICAGO, Ill., June 18.—If Cortelyou is to be elected Chairman of the National Committee it is absolutely essential that he come to Chicago at once.

That is the substance of a telegram that has been sent to President Roosevelt by Congressman Littauer, of New York, after a careful sizing up of the strength of the opposition to Mr. Cortelyou's selection. This call for assistance is stemming the tide of antagonism in itself shows the intensity of feeling among the members of the national committee who believe that a practical man should be chosen to run the campaign. Mr. Cortelyou is now in Massachusetts. It is possible that he may come here before convention assemblies. Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Cornelius N. Bliss, who is to be treasurer of the national committee, both of whom fully approve the President's choice of Mr. Cortelyou, are expected here to-day or tomorrow.

Their arrival on the ground may create a change in the present sentiment. As personal representatives of the President, they will be able to give definite assurances to the members of the national committee as to of the President, they will be able to if the President is determined, to have Cortelyou, it is certain that the national committee will acquiesce. The committee will not fight the President on this question, whatever its members may think of the wisdom of his choice.

BELT LINE DOINGS.

The Monongah Glass Company's Plant Is Nearing Completion.

The Monongah Glass Co.'s plant which was so exhaustively described in the West Virginian some weeks since, is nearing completion. The floors, some of stone and some of brick, are being placed at this time. The most serious thing they have to contend with is the absence of city water, which the Board of Trade is now endeavoring to get for them.

M'COWAN

WAS RE-ELECTED PRINCIPAL OF THE FAIRMONT NORMAL SCHOOL—MISS ROSS GOES TO HUNTINGTON.

MISS EDNA WERTZ WAS TRANSFERRED FROM CONCORD TO FAIRMONT—NOT MANY CHANGES MADE IN OTHER SCHOOLS.

WHEELING, June 18.—The board of regents of the State Normal schools held a meeting at the McLure House last night, and in addition to transacting routine business selected the teachers for next year. The entire board was present, namely: State Superintendent T. C. Miller, president; William Strauss, of Parkersburg, secretary; Ira E. Robinson, of Grafton; E. A. Dunn, of Red Sulphur Springs; H. L. Snyder, of Shepherdstown, and H. C. Ogden, of this city.

The faculties of the Normal schools were re-appointed with a few exceptions. Miss Olive Ross was transferred from Fairmont to Marshall College; Miss Wertz from Concord to Fairmont, and Miss Orr from Huntington to Concord.

Miss Pearl Hosie, of Wheeling, who has been one of the most efficient teachers at Glenville for several years, was not an applicant for re-election. Music teachers for Fairmont and West Liberty were not chosen, and there is one vacancy at Glenville remaining to be filled.

Following is a complete list of the appointments made:

Marshall College—L. J. Corby, principal; Mrs. Naomi Everett, first assistant; Anna S. Cummins, training teacher; W. M. Meredith, Lillian Hackney, George M. Ford, Harriet D. Johnson, Olive Ross, R. J. Sargeant, B. F. Williamson, J. A. Fitzgerald, Fannie Burgess. Music teachers: Rhoda Crumrine, Flora E. Pope. Elocution, Mamie Ware.

Fairmont—W. L. McCowan, principal; E. E. Mercer, first assistant; Ida Abbott, H. F. Rogers, Mary E. McCann, Willa Hart, Butcher, William R. Shaw, Edna E. Wertz. Elocution, Mabel N. Simmons. Music teacher not chosen.

Shepherd College—J. G. Knutti, principal; J. D. Muldoon, first assistant; Mrs. Mabel Henshaw Gardner, Elizabeth N. Stalnaker, Anna B. Woolery, Blanche Corbin. Elocution, Miss Stier.

West Liberty—Lorain Fortney, principal; Callie N. Curtis, first assistant; Maude I. Jefferson, Mollie V. Smith, Mary L. Yeager, A. S. Bell. Elocution, Sarah Louise Brown. Music teachers not chosen.

Concord—A. S. Thorn, principal; J. F. Halroyd, first assistant; H. D. Kames, J. N. Holman, Blanch Bittner, Cordelia Orr, Frances B. Caldwell. Music teacher, Mrs. Sarah Sydenstricker.

Glenville—John C. Shaw, principal; E. G. Rohrbach, first assistant; Lynne Waddell, Phranza Zink.

MUKDEN, June 18.—Wounded in large numbers are arriving from the battlefield at Vafangow. Early yesterday morning an ambulance train with nine officers and 464 wounded men arrived, while two hours later another train with 29 officers and 270 wounded men arrived at the depot. The wounded soldiers say the Russian retreat at Vafangow was being effected in perfect order when they left.

BALTIMORE, Md., June 18.—Tommy Daly, of Brooklyn, last night knocked out Joe Tipman, of this city, before the Eureka A. C., in the 12th round of which was scheduled to be a 15 round contest. Daly out-fought the local boy from the start to the finish.

PARIS, June 18.—Sarah Bernhard, who has been on the out's with her leading man, Max, to-day arranged an affecting conciliation with him, and the two will appear in London on Monday next.

THE WEATHER.

May Have Sunday Shower.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—For West Virginia—warmer to-night, mostly cloudy, and cooler to-morrow night.

ROOSEVELT AND FAIRBANKS BUTTONS

HAVE MADE THEIR APPEARANCE AT CHICAGO—SENATOR SCOTT SAYS FAIRBANKS WILL BE NAMED.

CHICAGO, June 18.—Senator Scott, of West Virginia, appeared in the lobby of the annex wearing a beautiful large Roosevelt and Fairbanks button.

The appearance of this button is taken as an indication that somebody in authority knows that Fairbanks has given the word that he is willing.

Asked about the significance of the button, Senator Scott said: "Fairbanks will be the next Vice-President."

A Slight Wreck.

A head-on freight collision on the W. Va. and Pittsburg division of the B. & O., delayed Pittsburg division No. 3 three hours this morning. One engineer claims the train got beyond control, while others think he overlooked his orders. Fortunately no one was injured.

Western Maryland private car No. 200 went west to-day on 71.

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 18.—

Maynard Lovell, 22 years old, committed suicide in his room at No. 422 Pearl street yesterday because he feared he would not pass his examinations at the State Normal School.

On June 30th the fire at Johns Bros. will be extinguished for a two months' shut down. On the day following the blowers will give a picnic at East Fairmont Park.